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Eighth Army HQ., Korea, Apr. 27.

The Chinese threw troops from five divisions into the assault toward Seoul on the western front, and the Allies and the Reds were locked in a hand to hand combat farther east near Kapyong, an Eighth Army communiqué announced today.

Allied warplanes from land and sea lashed at the onrolling hordes of Chinese Communists today through light rains, which threatened to give the Communists some respite from the storm of fire and bullets which have ripped their advancing columns for four days.

A Far East Air Force announcement said that light rains fell over Korea this morning, but the Allied warplanes took off despite the weather to support the hard pressed United Nations troops.

Air Force and Naval air units have mounted maximum efforts of 1,000 to 1,300 or more sorties daily since the Red offensive began on Sunday night.

In addition to hitting the advancing Communist troops on Thursday, three jet fighters chased four Communist jet planes, damaging one of them after the Communists ventured as far south as Kunuri, approximately 90 miles southeast of their base at Antung. No damage to friendly planes were reported.

B-29 Superforts hit North Korean airfields at Sunan and Pyongyang, reporting excellent results in their continuing campaign to prevent the use of airstrips south of Manchuria. —United Press.

VAN FLEET AT FRONT

Somewhere in Korea, Apr. 27.

Lieut.-Gen. James A. Van Fleet made a surprise early morning visit to the front today (Friday) and declared confidently that his Eighth Army will halt the Chinese spring counter-offensive north of the Han River.

The husky commander of the UN ground forces in Korea dropped in at the forward command post of a UN division unannounced. He was briefed on the tactical situation and

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Another Five-Year Plan

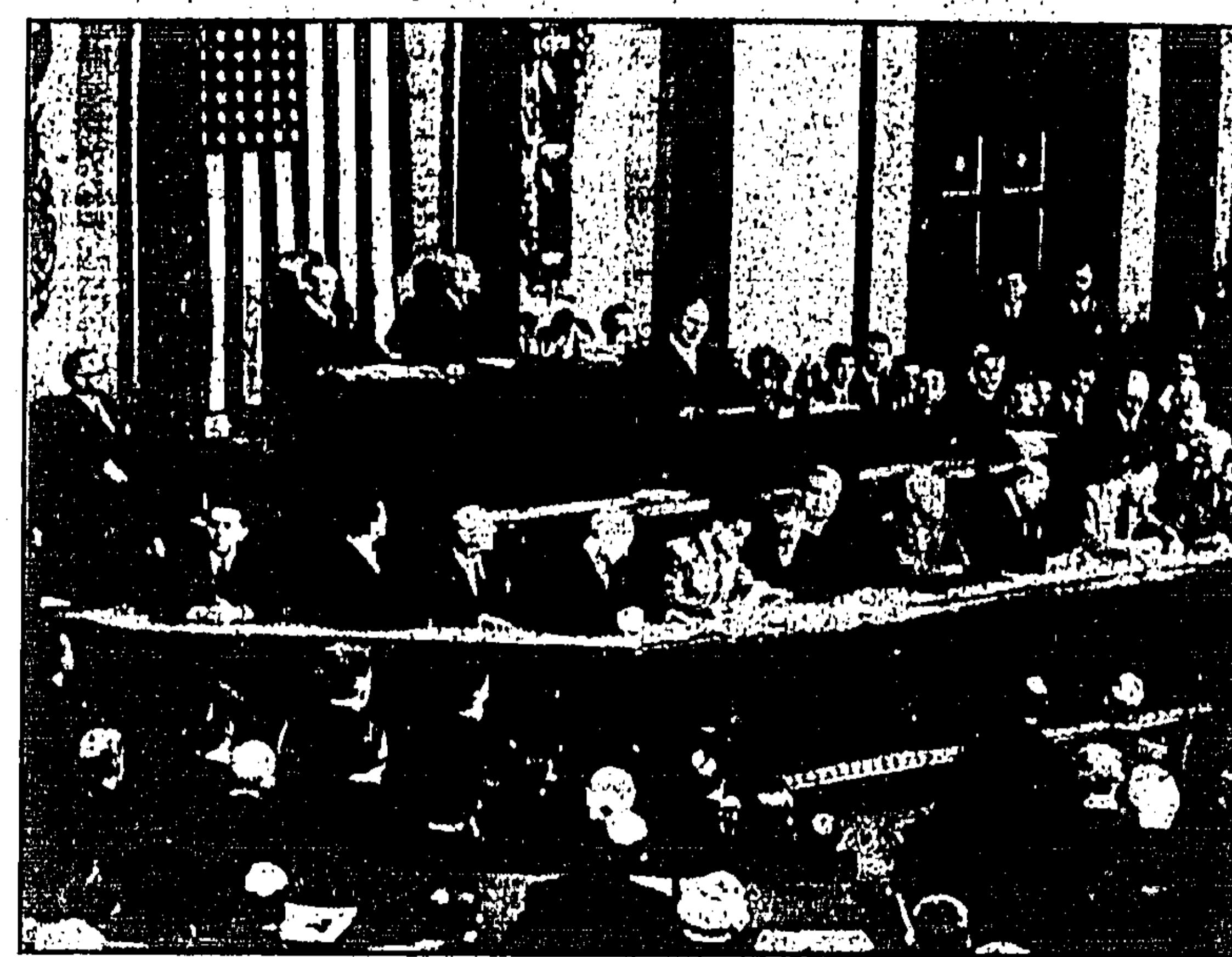
MOSCOW announces that the Fourth Five-Year Plan of the USSR has been successfully fulfilled. The goals for such commodities as steel, electric power, petroleum and coal were substantially exceeded, it adds proudly, noting too that the devastated industry of the west has been rebuilt, while production has risen sharply in the Urals and Siberia. It would be dangerous for the democratic world to dismiss these claims as empty bombast. Though there is no means of checking Moscow's statements independently, there seems little reason to doubt that the USSR's heavy industry has made substantial strides since 1945, and the available evidence suggests that Soviet military-economic potential is now at an all-time high. Our dislike for the Kremlin dictatorship should not blind us to the fact that it has been able to make substantial gains these past five years by driving its people at top speed and by utilising fully the billions of dollars' worth of reparations and loot it has obtained from Eastern Europe and Manchuria. Equally dangerous, however, would be the overestimation of Soviet strength even after the rapid progress of 1946-1950. The commodities for which the USSR's production can be estimated with some

accuracy give clear evidence that Soviet output is still far under half that of the United States, perhaps even less than a third, as is the case in steel. Soviet progress in heavy industry has been made possible only by deliberate restriction of the growth of consumer goods output and the Moscow announcement is notable for the absence of any mention of such items. In consequence the Soviet citizen's standard of living remains extremely low, a factor which must also be reckoned with in any evaluation of post-war economic progress and strength. The over-all picture of the Soviet economy derived from this announcement is that of a productive system working feverishly to bring to a maximum the production of goods directly or indirectly needed for war. This pattern has characterised Kremlin-directed economic development for more than two decades, but is most significant today because of the strained atmosphere of international relations. In Moscow's continued frantic effort ever to increase its military-economic potential lies one of the best reasons why the democratic world today must take stock of its strength and act to assure itself of power against any possible eventualities of the future. —Reuter.

Rank And File Repudiate Mr Bevan

HOWEVER much Mr Attlee may have been disconcerted by the defection of two of his leading Ministers, he must find considerable consolation in the decision of the Trades Union Council to cold-shoulder Mr Aneurin Bevan. Many observers considered that one reason why Bevan decided to rebel was to test the degree of popular support he could hope for among the rank and file Socialists. If such be the case, he is now a sorely disappointed man. His action has been roundly condemned by the TUC: in other words, he has been repudiated

by the rank and file. Obliquely the latest Cabinet split may have done the Labour Party some good, insofar that it has pointed the urgent need for the party to close its ranks if it is to possess any chance of successfully contesting the next General Elections. Nevertheless, the Socialists have a difficult time trying to erase from public memory the conflict which has been created within the party, and to convince the people that Labour is still strong enough and able enough fitly to govern the country. —Reuter.

Address To
CongressCHINESE GIRL'S EVIDENCE IN
HOCKRIDGE INQUIRYDRAMATIC STORY
TO CORONERTruman Requests Higher
Taxes, Tighter Controls
And "Fair Ceilings"

Washington, Apr. 26.

President Truman, saying that inflationary pressures "have not" reached their peak, today asked Congress for higher taxes, tighter credit controls and "fair ceilings" on farm and other products.

In a special message to Congress which urged speedy action, President Truman said, "The world situation could explode at any time and we must make every day count."

The President's request for "fair ceilings" on farm and other products was aimed at permitting tighter controls and food prices.

The President said, "I do believe that for price control purposes, the parity price for each commodity prevailing at the start of the normal marketing season should be applied through the balance of the marketing season, just as is the

case in most of our agricultural price support programmes."

"Parity is a form of computing the fair price to the farmer for certain products and is based on what the materials cost him."

"I recommend that the Defence Production Act be amended to provide for this. Under this amendment, the parity price will continue to be a minimum standard for each price ceiling."

He said that this sort of control would suffice to stabilise food prices for the time being.

OTHER DEVICES

If that did not work, the President said, Congress would need to consider the use of other devices "including limited food subsidies to prevent necessary farm price increases from being reflected in rises in the cost of living."

In the field of credit control, President Truman asked for authority to regulate terms "on the sale of existing houses as well as new ones".

The Government now fixes down payment and other terms for sale of new houses but older dwellings do not come under the regulations.

These rules are aimed to prevent would-be buyers from bidding up the price of new homes offered at easy terms.

On taxes, President Truman repeated his earlier request for an increase this year of at least \$10,000,000,000.

The President had asked for an extension of the Defence Production Act which expires in June and provides authority for "price ceilings" and other controls.

He also listed changes he wants in the Act. These included authorisation for the Government "to build and operate defence plants where necessary to produce essential materials and equipment" —Reuter.

PM WELL AGAIN

London, Apr. 26.

Doctors who have attended the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, during his five weeks stay in hospital have reason to suppose that his duodenal ulcer had now disappeared, a source of close touch with the Prime Minister said tonight.

Mr Attlee, who left hospital today, is to resume his full duties in London on Monday. The source said that Mr Attlee had had no pain when eating for about the last 10 days. He would have to be careful not to undergo too much strain but he was intent on resuming his normal duties. —Reuter.

This historic photograph shows General MacArthur addressing Congress in Washington after his triumphant return to the United States last week following his dismissal by President Truman of his military commands in the Far East. Yesterday MacArthur was given a tremendous welcome in Chicago. —AP Picture.

Cabinet Posts Filled

Stokes To
Head New
Department

London, Apr. 26.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee plugged the last holes in his cabinet on Thursday night and named a millionaire Socialist to head the new department of raw materials.

But even as Mr Attlee seemed to be getting his shaky Labour house in order, Mr Winston Churchill sprang his anticipated attack with the announcement that the conservatives would pin down the Government on the crucial raw materials question on the House of Commons on Tuesday. Mr Churchill was expected to ask questions intended to force the Left-wing

to head the new department of raw materials.

Did he get angry and begin to swear? —Yes, but not about his leaving. It was something about his business, I suppose.

BUSINESS WORRIES

Did he say that he was worried about his business? —Yes.

And was it at this time that he became excited and began to swear and use bad language? —I don't know.

When was it? —He swore once in a while about his business. Would it be true to say that on this occasion he was very rude to you? —So much so that you remonstrated with him? —He was rude to both of us.

And you told him so? —Yes.

And then I think the deceased left the living room and went out somewhere. —To comb her hair; they were planning to go out.

Whilst you were in the room at this particular time, after the deceased had left the room, was there any conversation between you and Hockridge? —I think so, but I don't remember.

Did Mr Hockridge advise you or suggest to you not to go away from Hongkong? —He told me that I would not be a successful lawyer and advised me not to go.

Witness added that a little later deceased returned to the living room and the three left together. —I was going home and they were going to a dinner party, she said.

BROKEN-HEARTED

They left together in a taxi and during the journey, said witness, Hockridge pulled her hair and Mrs Hockridge insisted that witness see her the next day. Witness returned to her house.

At about 1 a.m. the same night Mrs Hockridge came to my flat alone, continued Miss Chan. —She asked me if she could stay in my place that night and I said yes. They had quarrelled, I believe. —She said that she was very broken hearted because her husband was cruel.

Mr Woodhead: Did she ask you if you were in love with her husband? —Yes.

And what did you reply? —No. Witness added that shortly after, Mr Hockridge came to the flat. He was quite drunk, she said.

Mr Woodhead: Did he again try to dissuade you from going? —(Continued on Page 10 Column 5)



Mr Richard Stokes

rebel, Mr Aneurin Bevan, to vote against his late cabinet colleagues or back down on his warning that American stockpiling was undermining not only British rearmament but also domestic economy.

The Prime Minister picked Mr Richard Stokes, 33, the Minister of Works, to succeed Mr Ernest Bevin as Lord Privy Seal, but enlarged Mr Stokes' responsibilities to make him primarily responsible for the control of vital raw materials. —United Press.

Our BIF
Delegates
Arrive
Busy Programme
Before Them

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Apr. 26.

Hongkong's strongest delegation to the British Industries Fair has a full programme ahead of it. All delegates and visitors have now arrived and are spending a few days before the Fair opens settling in. Most of them are visiting London for the first time and are busy seeing the sights.

His Majesty's Government is giving a reception for them tomorrow. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, will receive the guests.

On Monday evening Mr U. T. Chee and Mr J. F. Alexander of Mackinnon and Mackenzie Company, Ltd., will represent Hongkong at the Lord Mayor's banquet at Mansion House to celebrate the opening of the BIF. The new President of the Board of Trade, Sir Hartley Shawcross, will be present.

On Tuesday the Royal Family will visit the Commonwealth section of the BIF. Later that day official delegates will be entertained by the China Association.

Mr F. C. Millington of China Trade Press Ltd., will give a lunch to all delegates and visitors from Hongkong at the Savoy Hotel on Wednesday.

Mr U. T. Chee will be broadcasting to Hongkong on Sunday. The main concern of most delegates this year will be to find alternative sources of raw materials in Europe to fill the gap left by the American trade with Hongkong.

CANTON RIOT

Macao, Apr. 27. Communist troops opened fire on a rioting mob in the streets of Canton last Tuesday, according to an informant who reached here today from the Kwangtung capital. He could not say whether anyone was shot.

The informant said the riot began when the Communist authorities started rounding up unemployed persons to be transported to forced labour battalions in North China. Troops were called out when the mob got out of hand. —United Press.

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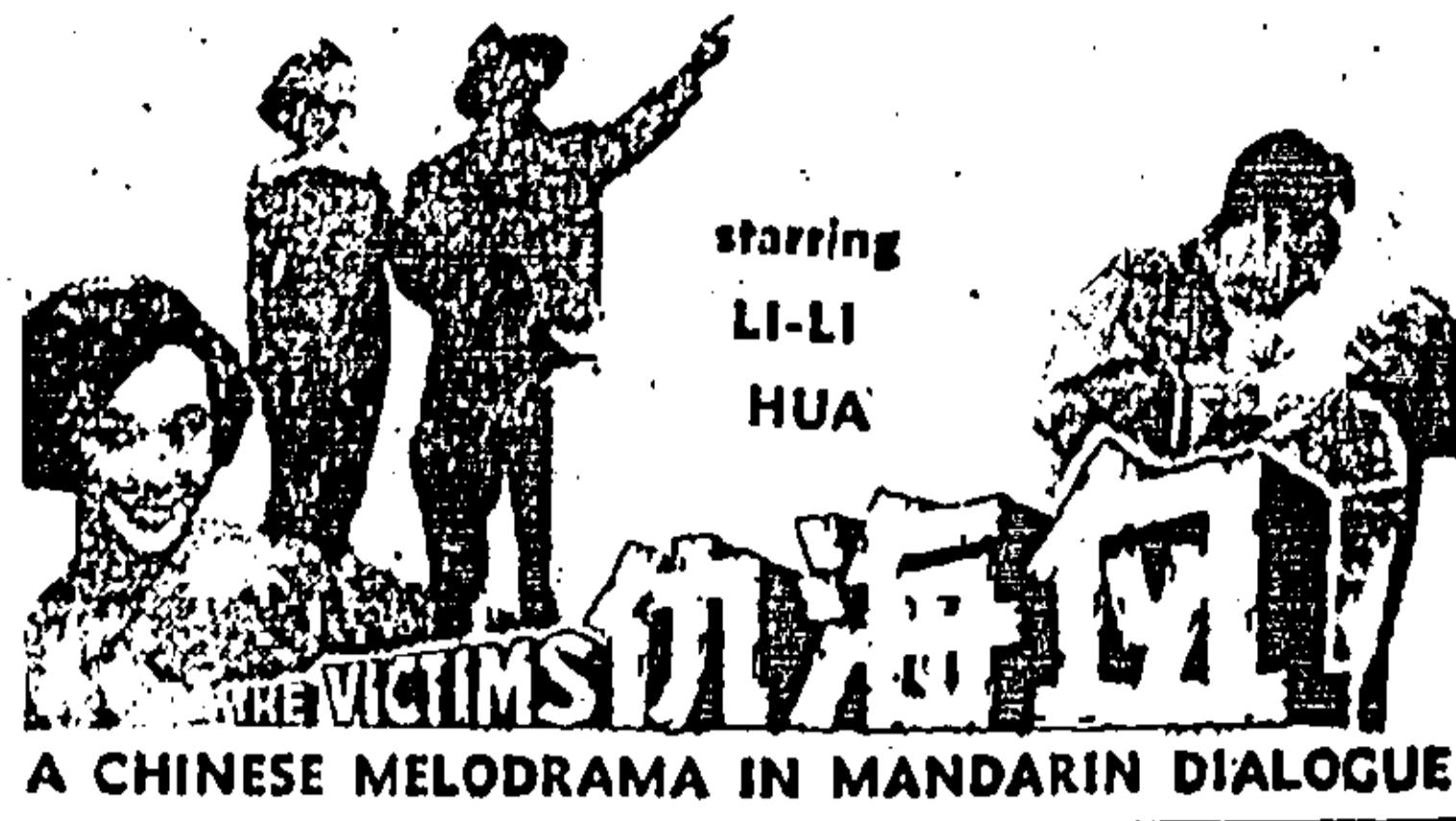
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BRITISH TROOPS WIN A GREAT VICTORY ON THE WESTERN FLANK

(From EDWARD HEWAT).

British troops in Korea have fought for 80 hours without a break and have not given a yard of ground. They have won a mighty, but bloody, victory.

The Gloucester Regiment was cut off for three days. Every hour it was attacked by wave after wave of fresh Chinese.

Rita Divorce Denial

Paris, April 26. Prince Aly Khan said today that Rita Hayworth has said nothing to him about "divorce, and Aly's lawyer added the divorce reports were "stupid," "scandalous" and "ridiculous."

Prince Aly told reporters last night: "I have no intention of divorce. I like my wife. She has not said anything to me about divorce. I am very happy."—United Press.

Mr. Morrison's Paris Trip

London, April 26. Mr. Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary, left for Paris today to attend tomorrow's meeting of the Council for the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC). He hopes to return on Saturday.

Asked about a suggestion that he would visit Washington to discuss Anglo-American relations with Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, Mr. Morrison said that nothing had yet been fixed.

It depended, he added, on the present meeting of the Foreign Ministers' deputies in Paris. "If it comes off, I shall probably be going to Washington but we have got to get over this one first," he said.

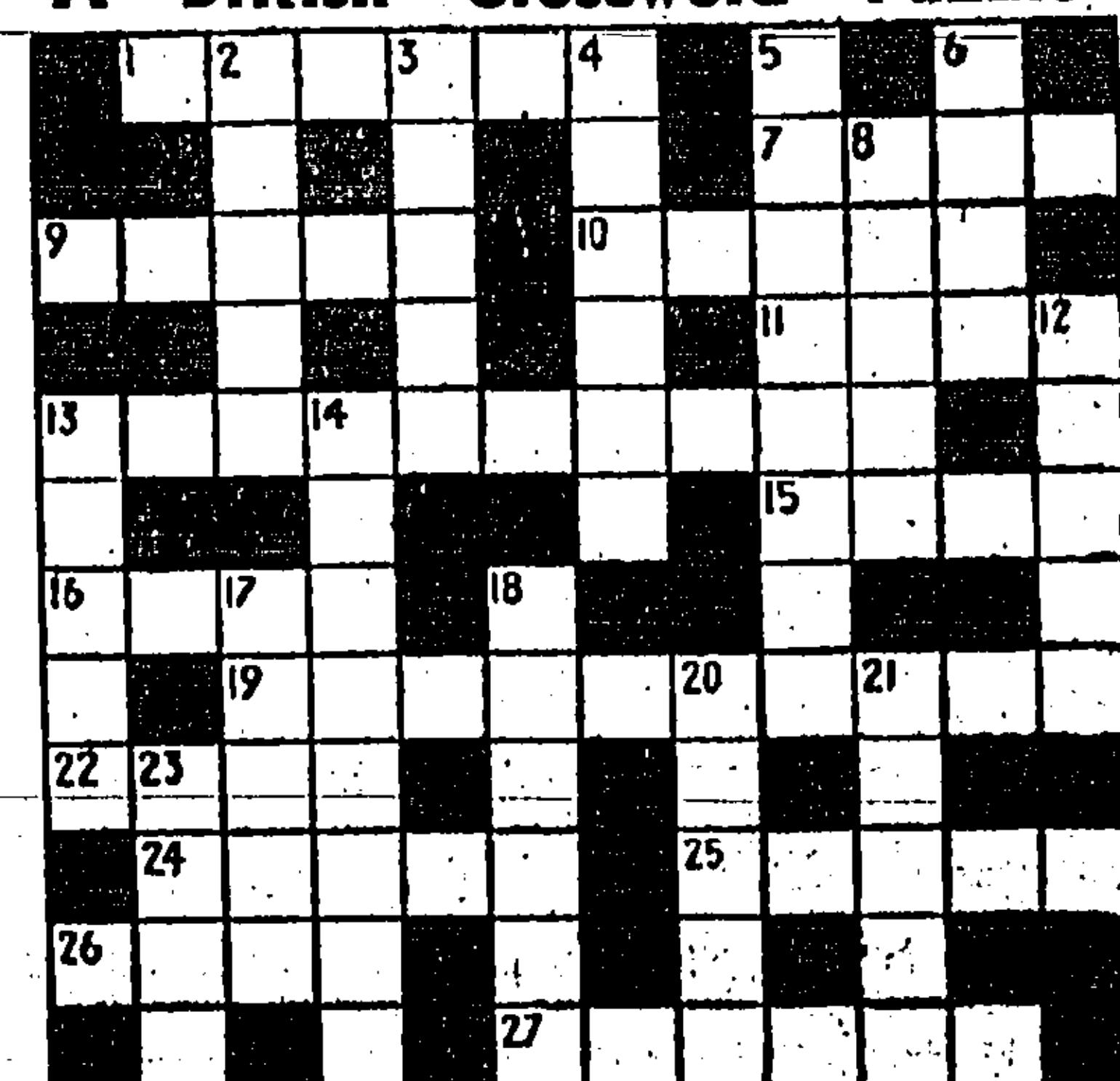
Mr. Morrison did not expect "any high drama" to result from the talks. He did not intend to take part in the meetings of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' deputies, who are working on the agenda for a full-scale conference between East and West on world problems.

The principal business at tomorrow's OEEC meeting would be the election of officers for the coming year and consideration of a Swedish proposal for the closer association and eventual amalgamation of the OEEC and the Council of Europe.—Reuters.

Arabs' Decision

Damascus, April 26. The Arab League has agreed to a Syrian request for the indefinite postponement of the Arab League Council, scheduled for April 28. The Secretariat of the seven-nation League informed Syria of the member nations' decision in a cable to-day.—Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Wood (6).
- 2 Spoken (4).
- 3 Vestige (6).
- 4 Divide (6).
- 5 Assort (4).
- 6 Brighten (10).
- 7 Decline (4).
- 8 Book (4).
- 9 Mediates (10).
- 10 Decline (4).
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- 23 Dilettante (6).
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Moses, 2. Tempo, 7. Dilute, 8. Steps, 10. Legend, 10. Sure, 17. Tilt, 19. Tenor, 20. Enhanced, 21. Low, 22. Blame, 23. Moderate, 24. Rumble, 25. Least, 26. Bohemian, 27. Detonate, 28. Sire, 29. Entice, 30. Poplar, 31. Fired, 32. Detonate, 33. Detonate, 34. Detonate, 35. Detonate, 36. Detonate, 37. Detonate, 38. Detonate, 39. Detonate, 40. Detonate, 41. Detonate, 42. Detonate, 43. Detonate, 44. Detonate, 45. Detonate, 46. Detonate, 47. Detonate, 48. Detonate, 49. Detonate, 50. Detonate, 51. Detonate, 52. Detonate, 53. Detonate, 54. Detonate, 55. Detonate, 56. Detonate, 57. Detonate, 58. Detonate, 59. Detonate, 60. Detonate, 61. Detonate, 62. Detonate, 63. Detonate, 64. Detonate, 65. Detonate, 66. Detonate, 67. Detonate, 68. Detonate, 69. Detonate, 70. Detonate, 71. Detonate, 72. Detonate, 73. Detonate, 74. Detonate, 75. Detonate, 76. Detonate, 77. Detonate, 78. Detonate, 79. Detonate, 80. Detonate, 81. Detonate, 82. Detonate, 83. Detonate, 84. 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THE MACARTHUR BALLYHOO

Don't be fooled by it!

by ROBERT E. SHERWOOD

★ Author of the plays "Idiot's Delight" and "The Petrified Forest";
Editor of "The White House Papers of Harry L. Hopkins," and for some
years one of the group of personal advisers to President Roosevelt.

HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States, may have made his full share of mistakes, but no one of them could be attributed to lack of guts.

His "relief" (a polite word for sacking) of General MacArthur required courage of Olympian proportions. This is difficult if not impossible to explain, especially here in this country, where generals are rigorously kept in their place.

The fact that MacArthur's position is unique is not due primarily to his admitted brilliance as a soldier. It is due to his deliberate, prolonged, and widely publicised opposition to policies laid down by his Commander-in-Chief, the President. And that applied to Franklin D. Roosevelt as well as to Mr. Truman.

The record of MacArthur's insubordination goes back nine years. Im-

Roosevelt ordered him out of the doomed bastion of Bataan and Corregidor in the Philippines, put him in command of the entire South-West Pacific area from Australia, awarded him the Congressional Medal of Honour, the American equivalent of the V.C.

The President never missed an opportunity, in his speeches, to pay glowing tribute to the valiant general.

Prime Issue

AND MacArthur seldom missed an opportunity to lend himself to Roosevelt's opponents as a prime political issue.

In January 1945 I was asked by the Secretary of the Navy (the late James Forrestal) to go on a special mission with the Fleet in the Pacific.

When President Roosevelt heard of this he sent for me and instructed me to make an effort to get to the Philippines, where MacArthur was then fighting, and try to see the general.

Roosevelt, who was then about to leave for Yalta, told me that it was extremely difficult for Washington to keep in full communication with MacArthur, or to know what was really going on in that remarkable, mysterious mind.

Various high-ranking emissaries had been sent out, and often MacArthur refused to see them because of "pressure of duties."

Sometimes he even refused them admission into his vast theatre of war, pleading "lack of billeting facilities."

The President figured that since I was an obscure civilian I might get through where others of far greater authority had failed. He gave me a personal letter of introduction.

It started "My dear Douglas"—and I expressed the "hope" that perhaps the general would find time for a talk with me.

He Talked

THERE was considerable doubt whether even that letter would work. But it did.

MacArthur received me most graciously and as hospitably as was possible in shattered Manila, where armed Japanese soldiers were still lurking in the ruins and killing when they could.

I had some three hours with the general. He talked and I listened. I was enormously impressed.

He seemed to be the most fluent user of the English language that I had ever heard, with the inevitable exception of G.B.S.

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My principal job was to sound him out on his ideas for the future military government of Japan after victory, which then seemed

General Marshall was to the lowest rank of all-civilian.

And I was well aware that they would never utter a word especially to a stranger, that was at variance with MacArthur's own private opinions.

One general said to me, "I thank God I don't have to serve Washington, where every policy decision is dictated by British Imperialists or Russian Communists."

While I was in Manila a newspaper correspondent told me of a report that the Americans in Germany had established a bridgehead across the Rhine at Remagen.

I went immediately to get confirmation of this momentous news from General Willoughby, who was, and still is, MacArthur's Chief of Intelligence.

Willoughby professed total ignorance of the situation in Europe. "We don't give a damn about that theatre," he said. "We know Eisenhower out there. We don't think much of him."

(I have more than a suspicion that this sentiment was warmly reciprocated by Ike.)

Volcanic

WHEN I returned to Washington and reported to the President what I had heard from MacArthur, Roosevelt said, somewhat wistfully, "I wish that he would sometimes tell some of these things to me."

Roosevelt had profound respect for MacArthur's great qualities as a soldier. He considered the campaigns in New Guinea and the Philippines to be masterpieces of strategy, of improvisation and daring.

But Roosevelt also knew that MacArthur had the kind of volcanic ambition which, in other times, might have impelled him to assume the mantle of Consul and then of Emperor.

Their utter disloyalty to the President—to the Chief of Staff of the Army,



THE ONLY TIME THEY MET

At Wake Island in October last Mr. Truman flew half way across the Pacific to meet MacArthur. They were reported to have reached "complete unanimity" in the Far East policy.

Immediately after Pearl Harbour, President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill, and the Combined Chiefs of Staff decided that priority be given to the war in Europe, that Hitler must be beaten first before the waging of all-out war on Japan.

This decision-irked MacArthur, and his resentments multiplied when his former subordinate, General Eisenhower, was selected to command first the operations in North Africa and then the massive invasion of Northern France.

MacArthur saw Eisenhower getting the bulk of the arms and men, the ships and aeroplanes, that he craved—and he has seen the same situation developing again.

Throughout the war, he pleaded his cause through all the elements in the U.S. Congress and Press most bitterly hostile to Roosevelt. He became the hero of the Isolationists who were eager to discredit the President.

Unity Needed

ROSEVELT did not underestimate MacArthur's prestige. He knew that disciplinary measures against this spectacular personality would damage national unity in the midst of crisis when unity was needed most.

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AWAY FROM THE SKYLON

David Temple Roberts' Festival Guide

LONDON. THE Festival of Britain is designed to be as all-embracing as possible. So it will be difficult to escape from. Almost everyone is doing something and will label it "for the Festival" which means they will charge what they will charge what the traffic can be expected to bear. For this Festival we are becoming rather Swiss, if you know what I mean. But I am comfortable for retirement, and servants still touch their forelocks. So if you want to see old English country life with the Squire in his Hall, and his womenfolk in jodphurs at point-to-point meetings, then stay in John Bull's Other Island for your Festival.

The first trick is to arrive in Britain by a strange route. If you come from Scandinavia you will find steamers that arrive at Hull or Newcastle. From the Continent of Europe there are flights to Manchester; cross-Channel travellers might slip away at Dover or Folkestone and explore the Romney Marsh—which is becoming known as the "Ealing Studios country", the setting for English films.

If you come by plane from America then choose one that lands at Shannon, which is in Eire, and leave the plane there. The sea crossing might then be made from Shannon to Larne—In Southern Scotland, within reach of the Highlands. But be cautious about these Highlands.

MacArthur received me most graciously and as hospitably as was possible in shattered Manila, where armed Japanese soldiers were still lurking in the ruins and killing when they could. All the summer the Scots will be organising what they call Games. You must try to avoid these "colourful spectacles." They usually take place in large fields. Even if it does not rain there are rarely any seats and the ground is as wet as an Irish bog. The whole performance is accompanied by a wailing sound called "skirls on the pipes." The Scottish places that should be avoided for fear of this highland debauch are Blair Atholl, Braemar, and almost anywhere round Loch Lomond.

But there are many other ways of seeing Scotland. Don't go to Skye, though you may have seen films in technicolour about peasant girls with broad-set dark eyes who have fathers always doing big business in home-woven cloth. If you want to find a strange Scotland here live a jealous, exclusive, proud and odd people—wildly proud of their remote "Highland" with its fine walls be-

try to sight-see in the afternoon—it is dry, thirsty and crowded.

But the greatest attraction of Britain is being bored in the countryside. Few visitors will find grandeur or surprise in British country. Its particular facility is the breaking up of space with hedges, trees and undulating hills, and the breaking up of time with idle conversation, getting lost in country lanes, and talking about tomorrow's weather.

To appreciate these things it is scarcely necessary to choose a village, or even a county—any will do—but personally, I think it is a little safer to settle in a southern county of England, not too near London, out of range of the commuter. Inland is safer than the seaside—this summer—and the small country town with a hotel that does not advertise will often give much more comfort and value than the hotel that does advertise. One useful tactical move with obscure hotels is to arrive

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RELAX on a Round-Trip to JAPAN

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No 'peep' for the President

From NEWELL ROGERS

NEW YORK.

IN addition to his all-out political struggle over MacArthur, President Truman has another major issue on his hands—about "The Conscience of the Senate."

Senator Charles Tobey earned this title for his impatient thunderings at the recent TV crime hearings; they made gangsters flinch and shudder.

Now Senator Tobey has been called on his paths of civic honesty.

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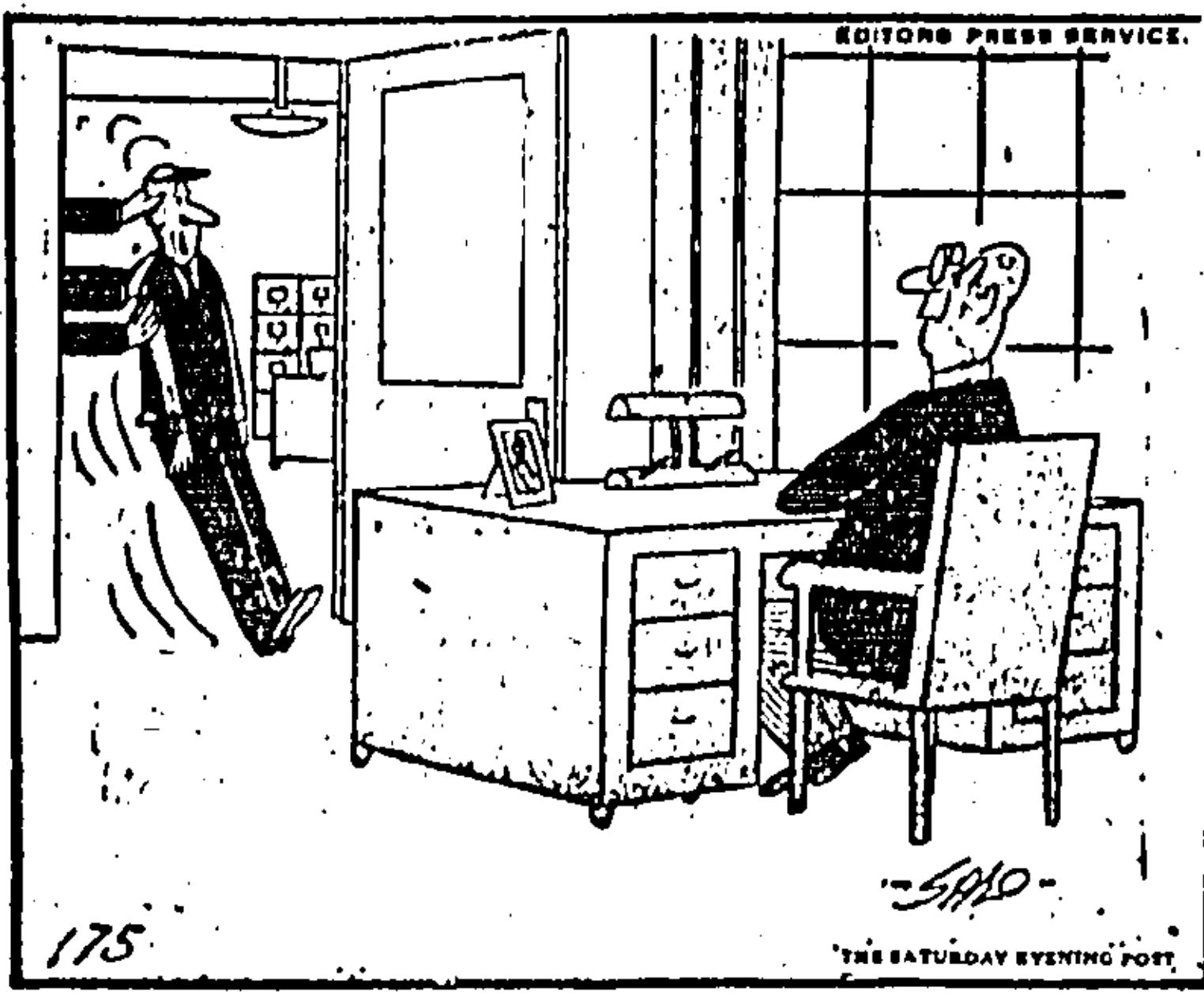
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"Sir, the office staff has selected me to present certain demands . . ."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

WHO would have guessed that among the things We Must Not Do today is included the depositing of granulated cork behind a market stall?

Sure there cannot be a great rush to do this. It can hardly be called a popular craze of the moment—or am I completely out of touch with modern life? Are there strange figures striking into market towns with sacks of granulated cork? Are there local clubs meeting in shabby halls to discuss ways and means? Is the stuff stolen after dusk from railway sidings? Do the police watch a surreptitious character in a bar, who is suspected of being in the granulated cork racket? Are there prosperous men in big offices directing operations, and receiving reports of granulated cork spread behind stalls in Bodmin, High Wycombe, Ripon, and Chelmsford?

Twenty Years of Uproar
"HERRING," wrote a music while, "at times hardly seem to move when she sings." Once when Rustiguzzi, was

singing the aria *Lascia la pugna orribile nel core . . .* in *Gerusalemme Liberata*, she began to go . . . *Bite nel core nel core nel core nel core . . .* The champion in the wings had run down.

The Malicious Press

WHEN Mr. Roy Piladex pointed out to Captain Foulough that 27 out of his last 28 publications were the choice of the Basilisk Committee, and that they might occasionally choose a book published by some other firm, Foulough replied: "I'm working for this firm, aren't I?" "Yes," said Piladex, "but just for the look of the thing, perhaps . . . There are also complaints that many of our books have typewritten betting tips pasted inside the cover." "The man who complains," said Foulough, "when he's given a sound tip isn't fit to have anything to do with literature. Yesterday the library at Farthingham was rushed by a mob when word went round that every copy of *Life*—and *Irma*—had a rip in it. The library has sent in a repeat order. Is that bookstalling or isn't it?" Mr. Piladex went thoughtfully to lunch.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

IF you are born today, your fate, more than many others, is in your own hands. The stars have given you talents, but you must use them well, or else you will sink into the ranks of the common. You are quick-tempered and often hasty in making decisions. Learn to give a master career a second thought before making a final mind up. Don't you have given your promise you are very "set" in your ways!

Your life may not be an easy one—all kinds of obstacles may seem to thwart your ambitions. But through trial and error you will gradually emerge victorious and with a fame that can long outlive you.

You often adopt a pose that you do not care for members of the opposite sex. But this is not con-

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)—Try to get into the great outdoors this weekend. Today is a fine time to start on a country jaunt, during which you will make decisions which will influence the future trend of your life. Be practical.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You can afford to listen to others today. Let them do the talking before you make a decision.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This might be a good evening to attend the theatre or a concert. It will be stimulating and relaxing.

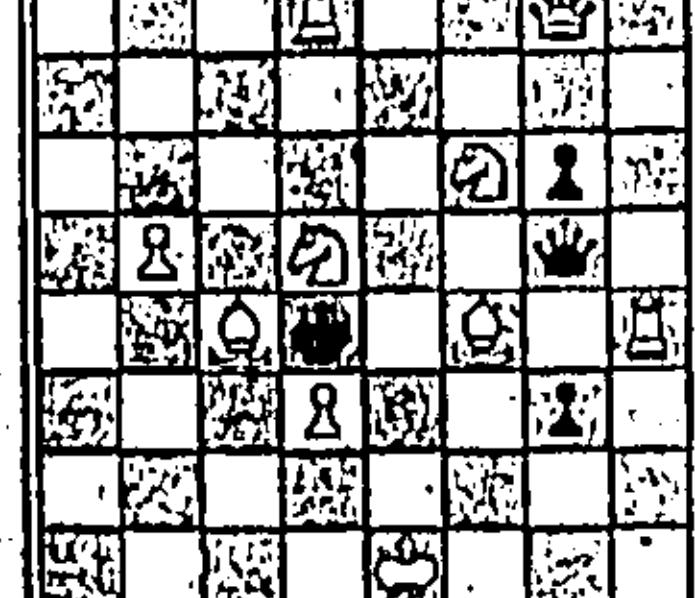
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—If you can take a short trip, this is a fine weekend for it. You will get results from it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Get into the great outdoors. If possible, take your family for a long drive in the country.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. BUCHWALD

Black, 4 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. B-B7, any; 2. Q, R, or B mates.

Check Your Knowledge

- What is the meaning of the word gamut when used in music?
- What islands are separated by the Straits of Bonifacio?
- At what sport can you be "in the gold"? What does it mean?
- The capital of what country has been called "City of Squares"?
- What is the chief organ of the voice?
- What is the oldest national flag design in the world?
- Are they real, or are they just make-believe?

"That all depends on what?"

"It depends on whether you've ever seen a dragon or not. If you've never seen one, you just go around telling everybody that they're imaginary. But if you've been lucky enough to see one, then, of course, you know they're real. I've seen one," he added.

"You have!" exclaimed Handi.

"I met him one day while I was walking around a mountain. He was living under the mountain. It was the only place big enough for him to live under. I said hello to him. But he didn't say hello to me," said Mr. Punch, shaking his head sadly. "Oh no!"

"What did he do?" Knauf wanted to know.

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He Travelled A Long Way



First winner of an Inter-School Junior Championship at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday was no "city slicker." Sham Hing-tong travelled a long way to run and hurdle a distance of about 120 yards. He is the first schoolboy champion to be turned out by our rural areas. He won the High Hurdles event for the Un Long Public Middle School.—China Mail Photo.

New Territories Produce A Champion Hurdler

The Inter-School Sports came of age yesterday after 19 years as the first of the Junior Division finals produced a Champion from the further reaches of our far-flung territories.

The new Champion's name will remain on the official roll of honour as he broke a record. He is Sham Hing-tong, a 17-year-old representing the Un Long Public Middle School.

As the Junior high hurdlers closed in on the tape, leaving behind them a shambles of overturned barriers, the name of the Un Long Public Middle School was inscribed in the annals of our athletic history.

A rumour has already started that the elders of Lantau Island may be sending a deputation to the Director of Education.

The Junior Championship produced two other record-breakers. They were Yip Lam-chuen, of Wah Yan P.M., who leaped 19 feet 11½ inches in the Long Jump, a performance that would have given him third place in the Senior event, and Wang Shun-tin, of St. Stephen's, who put the eight-pound shot a distance of 42 feet 7 inches.

The standard, otherwise was not as high as in previous years though Ivan George of Diocesan ran the 800 Metres in 2 minutes 18 seconds and Pun Mak-kwan of Queen's the 400 Metres in 57.6 seconds to come close to the standing records.

La Salle College, through earlier scored 10 points, through boys who reached the standard requirement in the various events, added only 10 more to their score in the final.

St. Stephen's, with two firsts, a second, a third and a second place in the Sprint Relay, scored the most points in the finals to finish third, with 23 points.

HOW THEY PLACED

100 Metres Dash
1. Loureiro (La Salle); 2. Lee Yiu-shu (Wah Yan P.M.); 3. Yu Cheung-shun (King's College Primary). Time: 11.8 seconds.

200 Metres Dash
1. Young Wing-kon (Wah Yan A.M.); 2. Pun Man-kwan (Queen's); 3. Yu Cheung-chun (King's College Primary). Time: 24.5 seconds.

400 Metres Run
1. Pun Man-kwan (Queen's); 2. Yuen Wai-kwok (Government Vernacular); 3. Kong Tai-chuen (St. Paul's Co-educational). Time: 57.6 seconds.

800 Metres Run
1. Ivan George (Diocesan); 2. Yuen Wai-kwok (Government Vernacular); 3. Kong Tai-chuen (St. Paul's Co-educational). Time: 2 minutes 18 seconds.

110 Metres High Hurdles
1. Sham Hing-tong (Un Long Public Middle School); 2. Wong Wing-yuen (La Salle); 3. Yip Lam-chuen (Wah Yan P.M.). Time: 18 seconds (Record).

400 Metres Relay
1. Wah Yan A. M. School; 2. St. Stephen's College; 3. La Salle College. Time: 50 seconds.

1,600 Metres Relay
1. Diocesan Boys' School; 2. Government Vernacular Middle School; 3. La Salle College. Time: 3 minutes 23 seconds.

High Jump
1. Wong Shun-tin (St. Stephen's); 2. Leung Pak-cheong (St. Paul's Boys); 3. Wong Wing-yuen (La Salle). Height: 4 feet 11½ inches.

Long Jump
1. Yip Lam-chuen (Wah Yan P.M.); 2. Wong Shun-tin (St. Stephen's); 3. Tommy Lin (Wah Yan A.M.). Distance: 19 feet 11½ inches (Record).

Shot Put
1. Wang Shun-tin (St. Stephen's); 2. Chan Kwei-tung (St. Paul's Boys); 3. Peter Nien (St. Stephen's). Distance: 42 feet 7 inches (Record).

La Salle Win Inter-School Athletics STANDARD WAS NEVER HIGHER IN THE SPORTS' HISTORY

By "RECORDER"

King George V School's three-year reign as holders of the Governor's Shield, champions of the Senior Division in the Annual Inter-School Sports, ended yesterday as a La Salle College team of promising sprinters and middle distance runners ran away from them to a 54-45 victory. Queen's College, collecting 24 points, trailed in third place.

Paced by two record-breakers, Jackson Lee and Lo Wing-chuen, the La Salle boys won six of the 11 Senior events and collected six second places. Two of their most promising runners in last year's sports—Tony Braga and Stephen Xavier—had to be content with a second, third and fourth and three second places respectively.

A small but game King George V School team turned in performances that would have won the Shield almost any year. This happens to be La Salle's year. Still, the KGV boys, with 3,300 metres of running behind them in the course of the afternoon, outstayed La Salle's quartet, with only 2,100 metres of running to their record up to that stage, in the 1,600 Metres Relay. In fact, they left La Salle's powerhouse sprinters far behind.

La Salle had earlier erased from the record pages two of the proudest feats in Inter-School history—C. Hosgood's 64.5 seconds for the 100 Metres, dating back to 1938, and Peter McRae's 11.3 seconds for the 100 Metres set last year. Both were King George V School property.

Years ago, it was said that no local schoolboy would ever touch Hosgood's record for the 400. Until yesterday, no one had come appreciably near it. Last year they were tipping Tony Braga to be ready for the record-breaking effort in another year. Braga came very near the mark yesterday—somewhere between 54.6 and 55 seconds. Fraser of KGV, running third, was clocked in 55.3. It was an over-trained Braga in action yesterday and he should do better with rest.

It was a terrific race and the last man in couldn't have been slower than a fraction over 50 seconds, which would have been the record in the early 1930s. There wasn't much margin separating the field for the first 350 yards. Then the tension snapped and La Salle's Lo Wing-chuen rounded the last corner practically on his own. It was smooth sailing and the time was 54 seconds, good enough to win the Colony Championship any time in the last 15 years up to the advent of the phenomenal (by our standards) Ng Yin-foi of South China.

It was a wild race with one runner after another taking the lead. At the half-way mark, Fraser and Willcox of KGV dropped back to trail the field. It was a curious gesture at that stage of the race, but even more curious, just about everyone else but La Salle's Lee Shu-chung, who split the two at the tape, had had his day and the rest was a matter of jockeying for the rear position.

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The Inter-School Series, by the way, started in 1922 with four schools—St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, Diocesan and Ying Wah—competing. There were 22 schools represented in this year's sports.

in the preliminaries, suddenly sailed out to 19 feet 11½ inches. "AFTER YOU, SIR!"

KGV's D. S. Fraser ran the 800 metres in 2 minutes 18.4 seconds. The time is just over two seconds slower than D. S. Blake's record of 2:12 set in 1933, but it is still the second fastest ever.

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First two legs, Cynthia Enger and J. Tingay, took the incident cheerfully. The School likes to win but can take defeat without being discouraged.

POINT SCORES

La Salle College 64

King George V School 45

Queen's College 24

Diocesan Boys' School 21

St. Joseph's College 10

Government Vernacular

Senior Middle School 10

St. Paul's Co-educational 8

St. Stephen's College 7

Wah Yan A.M. School 7

Yau Ma Tei Government 6

P.M. School 6

Ellis Kadoorie A.M. School 2

St. Louis School 1

JUNIOR

La Salle College 29

Wah Yan A.M. School 27

St. Stephen's College 23

Diocesan Boys' School 22

Government Vernacular

Senior Middle School 20

St. Paul's Boys' 17

Wah Yan P.M. School 14

Queen's College 17

St. Joseph's College 12

Junior Technical School 11

N. T. C. Attached School 11

Wan Chai Government 11

P.M. School 11

Long Public 10

Middle School 10

King's College 8

Primary School 7

St. Paul's Co-educational 8

Government Vernacular Senior Middle School 5

Wan Chai Government 3

Yau Ma Tei Government 3

A.M. School 3

Ellis Kadoorie P.M. School 3

1,500 Metres Run

1. Lee Shu-chung (La Salle); 2.

2. Tony Braga (La Salle); 3.

3. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 4. A. Collaco (La Salle); 5. M.

Willcox (King George V). Time: 54 seconds (Record).

500 Metres Run

1. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 2. Lee Shu-chung (La Salle); 3. M. Willcox (King George V); 4. Q. Almiao (King George V); 5. B. P. Dhaber (King George V). Time: 23.1 seconds.

400 Metres Dash

1. Jackson Lee (La Salle); 2.

2. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3.

3. Tony Braga (La Salle); 4. Q.

Almiao (King George V); 5.

6. Norman Oei (Diocesan). Time: 11.2 seconds (Record).

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2. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3.

3. Tony Braga (La Salle); 4. Q.

Almiao (King George V); 5.

6. Norman Oei (Diocesan). Time: 11.2 seconds (Record).

110 Metres High Hurdles

1. A. Collaco (La Salle); 2.

2. Ling Sum (Wah Yan P.M.

School); 3. Q. Almiao (King George V); 4. Chan Kui-lung (St. Joseph's); 5. Yue Siu-tong (St. Stephen's). Time: 15.4 seconds.

100 Metres Run

1. Tony Braga (La Salle); 2.

2. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 3. A. Collaco (La Salle); 4. M.

Willcox (King George V). Time: 10.4 seconds (Record).

13 Acceptors

For The

Brisbane Cup

Brisbane, Apr. 26.

Thirteen horses remained in Australia's second richest horse race, the £12,000 Brisbane Cup, when acceptances were declared today.

Bankstream, this year's Sydney Cup winner, is the hot favorite to win the race, which is to be run over two miles at Eagle Farm Racecourse on April 26.

High Jump

1. Ling Sum (Wah Yan P.M.); 2.

3. Wong Sik-chun (Queen's); 4. Chan Kui-lung (St. Paul's Co-educational); 5. S. C. Ramsay (Diocesan); 6. Dennis Chan (La Salle); 6.

Long Jump

1. Ng Ming-sum (Queen's); 2.

3. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3.

3. B. P. Dhaber (King George V); 4. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 5. Q. Almiao (King George V); 6. Yip Fung-kwong (Queen's); 7.

8. Tony Braga (King George V); 9. Almiao (King George V); 10. Ivan George (Diocesan); 11. Ling Sum (Wah Yan P.M.); 12. Wong Sik-chun (Queen's); 13. Tony Braga (King George V); 14. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 15. B. P. Dhaber (King George V); 16. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 17. Q. Almiao (King George V); 18. Ling Sum (Wah Yan P.M.); 19. Wong Sik-chun (Queen's); 20. Tony Braga (King George V); 21. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 22. B. P. Dhaber (King George V); 23. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 24. Q. Almiao (King George V); 25. Ivan George (Diocesan); 26. Ling Sum (Wah Yan P.M.); 27. Wong Sik-chun (Queen's); 28. Tony Braga (King George V); 29. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 30. B. P. Dhaber (King George V); 31. D. S. Fraser (King George V); 32. Q. Almiao (King George V); 33. Ivan George (Diocesan); 34. Ling Sum (Wah Yan P.M.); 35. Wong Sik-chun (Queen's); 36. Tony Braga (King George V); 37. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 38. B. P



“Rapier” Survey’s Tomorrow’s Chances At The Valley

The Fifth Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held tomorrow afternoon and, given fine weather, should attract another large crowd of Racing fans.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Another 10 events will be down for decision, the most important of which will be the St. George’s Plate, a handicap event for Australian Ponies of 1951 with a proviso that winners, and Ponies that have won \$1,000 or less in stakes, are barred.

This is the fourth race on the programme and it will be contested over the mile.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Silver Mine Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The first race of the afternoon is confined to Australian Ponies Class 6 to be ridden by riders who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed.

Flying Arrow (Mr. Robert Tsui), had a win to its credit at the previous meeting, but as it has been penalised by 13 lbs., i.e. 135 lbs., I do not feel justified in suggesting it for a win.

I think the winner will come from Flying Jib (Mr. Dau), Gypsy Diamond (Mr. Chun Kit), Windermere (Mr. Auchinleck) or The Hopeful (Mr. Yen Ching Lai).

Although Flying Jib may be hampered to a certain extent by having to carry 158 lbs., it will be recalled that this pony is a free mover and, as the distance is not too long, I consider it has a good chance of winning.

BASEBALL

Red Sox Beat Champion Yankees

New York, Apr. 26.

A light midweek schedule, limited to one afternoon and three night games, was featured today by the Boston Red Sox's 13-7 victory over the World Champions, the New York Yankees, in a wild and woolly American League contest.

Boston spotted the Yankees on an early four-run lead, then spurned from behind to overcome the champions.

Billy Goodman and Bobby Doerr were powerhouses in the Red Sox 13-hit attack against four New York pitchers.

Goodman collected four hits and drove in three runs while Doerr's double to clear the bases in the sixth inning turned the tide.

Pitcher Ellis Kinder was credited with the win and the loss was charged to the Yankees' ace, Allie Reynolds.

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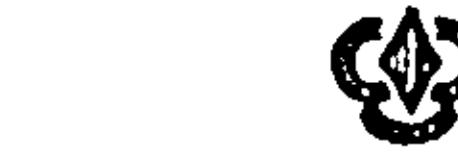
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“Rapier” Survey’s Tomorrow’s Chances At The Valley

The Fifth Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held tomorrow afternoon and, given fine weather, should attract another large crowd of Racing fans.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Another 10 events will be down for decision, the most important of which will be the St. George’s Plate, a handicap event for Australian Ponies of 1951 with a proviso that winners, and Ponies that have won \$1,000 or less in stakes, are barred.

This is the fourth race on the programme and it will be contested over the mile.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Silver Mine Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The first race of the afternoon is confined to Australian Ponies Class 6 to be ridden by riders who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed.

Flying Arrow (Mr. Robert Tsui), had a win to its credit at the previous meeting, but as it has been penalised by 13 lbs., i.e. 135 lbs., I do not feel justified in suggesting it for a win.

I think the winner will come from Flying Jib (Mr. Dau), Gypsy Diamond (Mr. Chun Kit), Windermere (Mr. Auchinleck) or The Hopeful (Mr. Yen Ching Lai).

Although Flying Jib may be hampered to a certain extent by having to carry 158 lbs., it will be recalled that this pony is a free mover and, as the distance is not too long, I consider it has a good chance of winning.

Kwong Leung should be borne in mind.

Radotron should have a lot to say, as this pony is believed to be a good one.

Gladiolus has been making rapid improvement and the distance should suit it.

Souvenir is quite capable of upsetting calculations, as it is good over this distance too.

Bonnie Eyes (Mr. Ostromoff), Kwong Leung (Mr. Shieh), Radotron (Mr. Boycott), Gladiolus (Mr. G. F. Ng) and Souvenir (Mr. Kwok).

Bonnie Eyes will probably find the distance just to its liking and a win here is not impossible as the pony is in fine condition.

Kwong Leung should be borne in mind.

Radotron should have a lot to say, as this pony is believed to be a good one.

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Souvenir is quite capable of upsetting calculations, as it is good over this distance too.

THIRD RACE

Plastic Bay Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 5 over this distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

First of all we have Kentucky Moon to consider. It will again be taken out by Mr. Oliveira and remonstrating the way it ran and won the Mount Cameron Handicap (Third Section) for Class 6 ponies at the last meeting.

Kyoto Moon should be borne in mind and the distance is more to its liking.

Spanish Onion (Mr. C. F. Ng) and Shun Fung (Mr. Kwok) are quite fast over short distance and will be near at the finish.

I expect to see the finish in the following order: Kentucky Moon, Rowanglen and Spanish Onion.

FOURTH RACE

Deep Bay Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 5 over this distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

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EIGHTH RACE

Deep Bay Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 5 over this distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

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NINTH RACE

Silver Mine Bay Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Australian Ponies Class 6.

For its win in the Mount Cameron Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting over six furlongs, Canadian Potato (Mr. Ng) has been penalised by 10 lbs., but in view of its form at the moment I don't think this extra weight will stop it from winning again.

Mabel (Mr. Oliveira), which was second in this same race, has gone up 3 lbs. in weight but as it was convincingly beaten by Canadian Potato last time out it can only be placed again.

Justice of Peace (Mr. Miu) is the danger here, although it ran unplaced in the second section of the above race with Mr. C. A. Lee up.

Toowoomba Boy (Mr. Renfrew) is quite fast away from the gate and should be considered as it is fighting at the moment.

Carlsbad (Mr. Holgate) is another good pony and will be well worth following.

However, anything is liable to happen in this race.

FIFTH RACE

Junk Bay Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and is confined to Australian Ponies Class 5 with winners and ponies that have won \$1,000 or less in stakes.

Argus II (Mr. Miu) is carrying top weight of 160 lbs. which may not be too much of a handicap in view of its second placing in the Mount Cameron Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting. It certainly stands a good chance of winning here.

Sulphur is the next best but it must also be borne in mind that The Kam Lung is in fine form and I look to him to win.

Amazing (Mr. Holgate) is another good pony and may be dangerous. For a long shot I recommend this one.

10TH RACE

Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This is the last race of the day and will be contested by second section Australian Ponies Class 5.

Argus II (Mr. Miu) is carrying top weight of 160 lbs. which may not be too much of a handicap in view of its second placing in the Mount Cameron Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs at the last meeting. It certainly stands a good chance of winning here.

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NECK AND NECK

In Division III South, Nottingham Forest and Norwich City are neck and neck rivals for the Championship. Forest are still expected to be in front ahead of both have won their respective home games against Southend and Ipswich.

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"That the Memorandum and Articles of Association submitted to this Meeting and subscribed by the Chairman hereof be hereby approved and that pursuant to Sections 7 and 309 of the Companies Ordinance 1932 the form of the Company's constitution be altered by substituting such Memorandum of Association and such Articles of Association for the Company's Deed of Settlement dated the 16th day of June, 1886 and for all regulations of the Company subsequently made and now in force, and that the Directors be hereby authorised to apply to the Court to confirm this Resolution under the said Ordinance."

A print of the proposed Memorandum and Articles of Association is available and may be seen at the registered office of the Company at 1st floor Gloucester Building Victoria Hong Kong at any time during the Company's usual business hours.

For the information of shareholders an Explanatory Statement is being prepared showing the matter which will now be found in the Memorandum and indicating the nature of the alterations and additions made by the proposed New Articles of Association.

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Last year shipments to Formosa averaged only \$1,000,000 a month. While the U.S. has stopped shipments to Communist China, the Bureau said receipts of goods from that country amounted to \$5,700,000 in February. That, however, was less than half the January figure and the 1950 monthly average of \$12,100,000. —Associated Press.

Canadian Wheat For Japan

Winnipeg, Apr. 26. Prairie wheat farmers, annoyed over the way their last deal worked out with Britain, today turned to Japan for a new market.

Masano Mizukami, special commissioner attached to the Japanese Government food mission, said his country had already bought \$10,000,000 worth of Canadian wheat and barley and wanted more.

Mizukami met on Wednesday with officials of the Canadian Wheat Board. He indicated after the talks that further big orders would go to Canadian farmers who are still angry at the way the Government handled the Anglo-Canadian wheat contract that expired in 1950.

Mizukami said: "The food habits in my country are changing. People are eating more wheat flour and bread." He added Japan had high regard for the quality of Canadian wheat.

Canadian farmers indicated they would be only too willing to ship what they grow to the Orient, provided they received enough money for it. They complained recently when the Federal Government announced it would give them \$65,000,000 as a final bonus payment on the British contract which covered a period in which they could sell only to the Government which acted as middleman. Many farmers said the final payment was not enough.

Mizukami is to visit London, Paris and Hamburg to contract for other purchases before returning to the Orient. —United Press.

Uncertain Trend In

NY Cotton

New York, Apr. 26. Cotton futures lacked a definite trend. Activity simmered down considerably, coming to a halt at frequent long intervals. Prices see-sawed within a range of 7 points. Apart from the evening-up operations in old crop months, business as a whole was featureless. A leading spot firm sold 20,000 bales of May outright and swapped 20,000 bales for July at differences of 21 down to 19 points and some December to March at differences of 10 points.

President Truman's message recommending regulations to curb speculative commodity trading had little influence. The market opened unchanged to up 4 points. It closed 5 points higher to 3 points lower. Closing prices:—

Apr. 26. 40 1/2

May 45 3/4

June 39 3/4

July 39 4/4

Dec. 39 3/4

Mar. (1952) 39 3/4

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COTTON TEXTILES

New York, Apr. 26. The cotton textile market continued to drag along today as dealers awaited a specific price order for textiles which may clear up current uncertainties over pricing. In the print cloth division, re-so goods continued to dominate with prices well under first hand levels. The wool goods market was dull. Rayon goods were quiet and without particular feature. —Associated Press.

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Promotion to the Grade of Associate Knight.—Mr. A. el Arculli, OBE (from Associate Commander).

Promotion to the Grade of Commander (Brother).—Mr. F.S. Coote (from Officer).

Promotion to the Grade of Officer (Brother).—Dr. J.B. Mackie (from Serving Brother).

Promotion to the Grade of Associate Officer (Brother).—Dr. Ip Kam-wah, Mr. Fung Ping-fan and Mr. Kwok Chan (all from Associate Serving Brother).

Promotion to the Grade of Officer (Sister).—Miss Lois Fearn (from Serving Sister).

Admission to the Grade of Serving Brother.—Mr. Ho Kang-poo and Mr. Liu Pak-kwan.

The Governor-in-Council has directed that the name of F.S. Li and Co. be added to the list of Authorised Auditors, the Gazette announced this morning.

THE PARADE of LASTWORD FASHIONS

for women and misses who are really fashion minded. Again unpacked a magnificent new dress collection air-delivered 26th April. This includes a group of beautiful silk Shantung one-pleasers and two-pleasers in navy, toast beige, and all the new summer pastels — some trimmed with white lace appliqued on collars and cuffs... very distinctive for daytime wear... all individually styled in all sizes for the slender or the stout figures. Also many other exciting new wonderfully versatile office-to-date dresses at moderate prices. Also many exquisite dark nylon sheers, as well as beautiful pastel embroidered nylon sheers—each gown so "DIFFERENTLY" styled by the highest paid New York designers that really adds "SPICE" to the loveliness of the wearer — for cocktail and evening wear, are really the MOST BEAUTIFUL MASTERPIECES you can ever find in Hongkong. They are today being displayed by Lord and Taylor, Franklin Simon, and Saks, the FIFTH AVENUE. The same now can be obtained "EXCLUSIVELY" at Mode Elite. Such a brilliant advance fashion service is without peer in South Asia—and yet the cost is within the reach of all moderate budgets. Why should you make "EXPERIMENTS" with gowns copied from fashion sketches or imported by oceanway? Be as up-to-date as your sisters in New York City. It's true that only at MODE ELITE you can find a dazzling world of air-delivered authentic lastword originals for important party wear, distinctive casual wear, and magnificent bridal wear. Mode Elite features a comprehensive collection of "THE MOST BEAUTIFUL" clothes for the bride-to-be as well as her mother and relatives. She can find nothing like elsewhere.

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WONDROUS SUMMER SHOES AND BAGS

This air-shipment of April 12th has brought here for you who love good comfortable shoes many pairs of white nylon mesh sandals, pretty white suede low heel play-shoes, navy calf pumps, shell pumps etc for dress wear. Exquisite white leather bags, now featured in exquisite gay colour and white lace-designed shell bags. NOW featured by Saks Fifth Ave.—"FIRST SEEN" In Hongkong.

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Colony's Credit Balance For January Was \$10,759,988

The Colony's revenue and expenditure for the month of January showed a credit balance of \$10,759,988 and brought the general revenue balance to a total of \$230,896,586.

Revenue for the month totalled \$30,588,598 and expenditure was \$19,828,609.

Today's Gazette also discloses that at the end of January \$122,734,455 had been spent from the \$150,000,000 loan funds allocated for various undertakings including agriculture, forestry and gardens, air and motor-ological services, buildings, claims and compensation, education, harbour facilities, medical services, public works, railway, waterworks and miscellaneous. The amount spent during January was \$13,209,478.

The statement of revenue shows that apart from Internal Revenue and grants from the Colonial Development and Welfare scheme, income under every other head exceeded by the end of January the estimated total for the whole of the fiscal year.

Duties at the end of the first ten months was \$59,721,817 compared with the original estimate for the year of \$39,300,000, and other comparative figures were: Rates \$25,377,001 (\$21,518,000), Licences, Fines and Forfeitures \$14,057,175 (\$9,046,450), Fees of Court or Office \$18,065,004 (\$16,977,830), Water Revenue \$7,084,487 (\$7,780,400), Post Office \$12,305,229 (\$10,058,000), Kowloon-Canton Railway \$8,987,997 (\$7,004,000), Revenue from Land Rents, etc. \$8,579,333 (\$6,201,100), Miscellaneous Receipts \$13,891,537 (\$7,790,000), Land Sales \$5,054,790 (\$2,750,000).

PRINCIPAL SOURCES

At the end of January Internal Revenue amounted to \$63,868,942. The estimated total for the year is \$76,500,000.

The three principal sources of revenue for January were: Internal Revenue \$8,804,102, Duties \$7,187,076, and Rates \$4,871,257.

In addition Licences, Fines and Forfeitures brought in \$18,285,533, Fees of Court or Office \$1,572,431, Miscellaneous Receipts \$1,265,455, and Post Office \$1,242,387.

Principal item of expenditure for January was \$3,572,545 on Miscellaneous Services. In addition \$2,023,570 was spent on Public Works Non-recurrent, \$1,905,577 on Subventions, \$1,424,526 on Public Works Recurrent, \$1,280,044 on the Police Force, \$1,088,782 for Public Debt, and \$1,004,394 on the Medical Department.

EARLY AM CHASE

Arrested by the Police after a short chase in the early hours of this morning, Chung Mu-lai, 31, unemployed, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Winter at Kowloon later in the day. He admitted a charge of larceny in a dwelling.

The Police stated that two constables on duty in Portland Street saw the defendant carrying a parcel. When defendant was stopped by the police he dropped the parcel, subsequently found to contain clothing, and ran away. He was caught and admitted that he had stolen the clothing from 132 Keeling Street, second floor.

The clothing was valued at \$150.

Gen Harding Leaves

General Sir John Harding, KCB, CBE, DSO, MC, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Land Forces, and C-in-C designate British Army of the Rhine, left Kai Tak early this morning for Singapore.

General Harding, who was accompanied by Lady Harding and Mrs Poet, wife of Major General J. H. N. Poet, DSO, Chief of Staff, GHQ Far East Land Forces, had been paying a farewell visit to Hongkong prior to taking up his new appointment in Germany.

At Kai Tak General Harding was given the General Salute from the Guard of Honour and Band of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He inspected the Guard and congratulated them on their honouring turnout. He then said farewell to Sir Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh, KBE, CB, MC, Commander British Forces Hongkong, to Maj-Gen. G. C. Evans, CB, CBE, DSO, GOC, Land Forces Hongkong; to Air-Cdr. D. W. F. Bonham-Carter, CB, DFC, Air Officer Commanding RAF Hongkong; and Gp Capt. J. Wormald, DFC, Officer Commanding RAF Station Kai Tak.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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"The wife's getting suspicious, Charley—she has lost 18 pounds on our diet and I haven't dropped an ounce!"

Detention Of The Mai Rickmers Confirmed

First Ocean-Going Ship To Be Held By Nationalists

Confirmation has been received in the Colony of the detention of the ss Mai Rickmers, a German ship, at Keeling, Formosa. The vessel was yesterday reported to have been stopped by a Chinese-Nationalist-destroyer-in-northern waters.

The Mai Rickmers is the first ocean-going vessel to be detained by the Nationalists, who have hitherto only stopped coasters plying between the Colony and North and South China ports.

It is believed the ship was stopped by the destroyer when she was somewhere in the Yangtse Estuary on her way to Taku Bar. The Mai Rickmers was not, as originally reported, proceeding to Shanghai.

Messrs Jebson and Co., the local agents for the ship, have contacted their agents in Taipeh and learned that the Mai Rickmers was stopped yesterday morning.

No word, however, has been received from Capt. Ahi, master of the ship, which left Hongkong last Saturday for Taku Bar with a cargo of German manufactured medical appliances, radio and photographic equipment, and general goods, including 500 tons loaded on board in Hongkong.

It was revealed by Messrs Jebson and Co. this morning that negotiations have been commenced for the release of the Mai Rickmers. The West German Federal Republic at Bonn have also been informed of the vessel's detention and it is learned they have made representations to the Nationalist authorities in Taipeh. The early release of the ship is confidently expected.

The Mai Rickmers was the first German ship to enter the Hongkong harbour since the Second World War. She arrived on April 18, and remained here three days before she cleared for Taku Bar where, after discharging her cargo, she was to load bananas for London.

However, quick action on the part of the Police effected the arrest of three of the men shortly after the alarm had been raised and the Police also seized fully-loaded revolver. They found some money in the possession of one of the men believed to have been stolen from the house.

The Police later detained two other men suspected of being involved in this incident while combing the hills surrounding the village.

As the farm hands were busy in the fields in the afternoon, the house was left; in the care of the two old women. They were tied up and threatened when the thugs got into the house.

The eldest woman yelled for help and was knocked unconscious by one of the men.

The Police are still investigating.

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Today's Evidence In The Hockridge Inquiry

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to England?—He was too drunk to say anything about that. I don't remember what he said. Hockridge's reason for calling witness thought, was to fetch his wife.

Witness said that Hockridge talked to his wife but witness did not know what about. Hockridge then had conversation with witness's brother.

Mrs Hockridge came over and talked to witness saying, "He really loves you." Witness said she believed that Hockridge was just drunk and did not know what he was saying. "I remarked that if I went away he would forget all about me," said Miss Chan.

At 5.30 a.m. Mr and Mrs Hockridge left her flat.

"At 2 p.m. I went with a lady friend, Mrs Fok, to Dina House," continued witness. "We went to the living room where I asked Mr Hockridge to apologise for his behaviour the previous day."

SEEKING DIVORCE

Mr Woodhead: I think it was then that he told you that apologies were no good as his wife was asking for a divorce?

You then went to the bedroom and saw Mrs Hockridge?

Witness said that she told Mrs Hockridge what he had said and also told her that Mr Hockridge needed her (his wife). Witness also persuaded Mrs Hockridge not to do anything rash.

Miss Chan added that about 3 p.m. she left with Mrs Fok after promising Mrs Hockridge that she (Miss Chan) would return. Witness went with her friend to the King's Drug Store where she purchased a bottle of Lysol. At another shop she purchased oranges and then returned alone to Dina House.

The reason for buying the oranges was because witness thought that if Hockridge had something to eat it might sober him up a little.

On return to the flat said witness, Mr and Mrs Hockridge were in the living room. After a few minutes, Mrs Hockridge went into the bedroom.

Mr Woodhead: At this stage was Mrs Hockridge? Did she appear to you that she had something to drink?—Yes.

The Coroner: How could you judge?

Witness She held a glass in her hand but she was not talking loudly. Mr Hockridge was drunk.

Did you tell Mr Hockridge that you would do anything to make the couple happy even if you had to kill yourself?—Yes.

I think, Miss Chan, you were very fond of Mrs Hockridge.—I loved her.

Did you at any time produce the bottle of Lysol? No. I had it in my coat pocket.

UNUSED BOTTLE

Mr. Woodhead, exhibiting the bottle to the Court, said that it was full and there was no indication that anything had been taken out of it.

Continuing her evidence, Miss Chan said that Mrs Hockridge came back into the living room and went to the verandah and then into the verandah to a part where trunks were stored and remained there for some little time. Mr Hockridge and witness were seated in the living room. It was about 4.20 p.m.

"Whilst she was in the verandah, Mr Hockridge asked his wife to bring in a parrot in a cage which she did. I did not notice her holding anything in the other hand," said Miss Chan. Mrs Hockridge left the living room.

"About five minutes later, her maid came to me," said witness. "She opened the door and said, 'Missy won't you? I followed her. The bedroom was quite dark and at first I could not see what had happened. Mrs Hockridge was lying on the bed and I thought she had a headache. I touched her face. I spoke to her but she did not answer. I saw blood was coming out of her mouth. I walked out and told the maid to call a doctor. She did not understand me so I asked a European lady to do so. I walked back to room 6 and called Mr Hockridge."

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